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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 2 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
1-82, 86-88

- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid


2. The applicant is hereby **invited**, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

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The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. ☐ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-82, 86-88

A method and a system for requesting information about entries of a do-not-contact list

2. Claims: 83-85

A method for protecting a do-not-contact list

The lack of unity becomes apparent a posteriori after taking document XP002286061 (D1) into consideration (PCT Guidelines 10.03). The cited document discloses a do not contact list (do-not-email list) (see D1, paragraph 4).

With the reference to the prior art document, the first group yields the potential special technical feature of encrypting consumer contact information, hence solving the object problem of distributing a list containing the entries in clear text.

With the reference to the prior art document, the second group yields the potential special technical feature of implanting false records, hence solving the object problem that the list could be compromised (see description page 16, paragraph 55, lines 1-3).

Consequently, neither the objective problems underlying the subjects of the 2 claimed inventions, nor the solutions as defined by the special technical features described allow for the link of a common inventive concept to be established between said inventions. In conclusion therefore the 2 groups of claims are not linked by a single general inventive concept. The application hence does not meet the requirements of unity of invention as defined in Rule 13 .1 and 13.2 of the PCT.

1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

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 2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.

3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.

4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	BEN LIVINGSTON (BEN@DRIZZLESPAM.COM): "Possible modifications to Washington "anti-spam" law " INTERNET NEWSGROUP, 'Online! 31 January 2002 (2002-01-31), XP002286061 misc.legal.moderated, misc.legal.computing Retrieved from the Internet: <URL:http://groups.google.nl/groups?q=%22 do+not++email+list+%22&hl=en&lr=&ie=UTF-8& as_drrb=b&as_mind=12&as_minm=5&as_miny=198 1&as_maxd=23&as_maxm=1&as_maxy=2003&selm=e pj5u45jv7kb16g9oilgbhttuimm4de5p%40news.r ev.net&rnum=6> 'retrieved on 2004-06-11! the whole document ---	1-82, 86-88
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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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L	<p>HALLAM-BAKER, PHILLIP: "'Asrg! Re: 'Politech! Congress finally poised to vote on anti -spam bill 'sp! " IETF ARGF MAILING LIST, 'Online! 21 November 2003 (2003-11-21), XP002286062 Retrieved from the Internet: <URL:http://66.102.11.104/search?q=cache:dKI3dea3IMkJ:https://lists.lab.net/archive/cypherpunks-exploder/Week-of-Mon-20031117/012315.html+asrg+%22do+not+spam+list%22hal lam+baker+21&hl=en&ie=UTF-8> 'retrieved on 2004-06-25! The author of the document states that he implemented and published a hash based do-not-spam list in 1995. the whole document</p> <p>---</p>	1-82, 86-88
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Patent Family Annex

Information on patent family members

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